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MISSION 2000

- BY REV. JAMES MOY

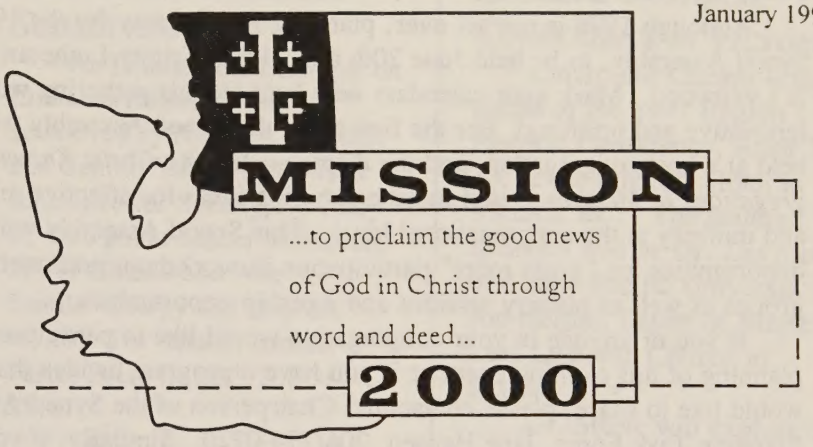
What is it? It is a long range planning process for the synod. It's an attempt to seek the guidance of congregations and synod leaders in identifying mission needs and opportunities that are not being addressed. It's an attempt to seek the counsel of synod leaders and congregations on how best to carry out our mission as we move forward into the 21st century. In order to do this we hope to include as many congregations as possible and include Congregational Liaison Representatives who can serve as a communication bridge between the **Mission 2000** task force and congregation.

Mission 2000 is also an attempt to stimulate discussion and visioning dialog within synod congregations, so hopefully these conversations can lead to new partnerships and cooperative ecumenical ventures where none may have existed before. **Mission 2000** is an attempt to encourage these conversations and to hold up MISSION as a priority in reaching out to the unchurched and *dechurched.*

The Task Force on **Mission 2000** just completed its second meeting. Task force members reviewed a summary analysis of a survey that was completed by 60 congregations in the synod at its first meeting. This analysis will be shared at scheduled Cluster meetings in January. Dates, times, and locations have been sent to each pastor and to Liaison Representatives from congregations that have made such appointments. We expect to share demographic information with projected trends in our synod to the year 2001 at the January Cluster meetings. There will be opportunity for participants to talk about what the surveys and projected trends might mean for our congregations and for our synod; they will be prepared to share the contents of this meeting with their home congregations.

It is too soon to know what **Mission 2000** will produce, but we are hopeful that the ideas and suggestions generated at Cluster meetings will be fruitful.

The Task Force is charged with the responsibility of drafting a set of long range plans and recommendations for the 1997 Synod Assembly.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ *First Alert!*

1997 SYNOD ASSEMBLY

Although 1996 is not yet over, planning is underway for the 1997 Synod Assembly, to be held June 20th and 21st at Trinity Lutheran Church in Lynnwood. Mark your calendars **now** because this gathering will be innovative and uplifting! For the first time, the Synod Assembly will be held at a host congregation, and the theme — *Making Christ Known: Congregations in Mission* — will focus on sharing ideas for effective mission and ministry at the congregational level. This Synod Assembly will allow opportunities for "grass roots" participation in workshops and interest groups as well as plenary sessions and worship opportunities.

If you or anyone in your congregation would like to participate in the planning of this exciting event or if you have a program or idea that you would like to share, please contact the Chairperson of the Synod Assembly Planning Task Force, Jane Hansen, 206/774-0720. Similarly, if you are interested in serving on one of the Synod Assembly Committees (such as Reference and Counsel, Credentials, Ushers), please contact the Synod Office. Also, congregations are invited to display interesting and innovative congregational mission ideas/projects.

The Synod Council would like to see a number of thought-provoking resolutions (hopefully related to the theme of congregational ministries) submitted for consideration by the Synod Assembly. Although a deadline has not yet been established, it is anticipated that resolutions will have to be received by the Synod Office by mid-April for inclusion in the pre-Assembly packets.

Please pass along this information regarding the 1997 Synod Assembly to your congregations.

♦ *HUNGER RELIEF*

SYNOD RECEIVES BEQUEST

A $3,333 bequest to the Northwest Washington Synod from the Rudolph Lunmark Living Trust was recently distributed at the direction of the Synod Council. Administered by a Lutheran Bible Institute endowment, the Lunmark bequest funds are designated for hunger relief.

Two recipients shared the bequest: the feeding program of The Compass Center, Seattle, and the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

The Lunmark bequest is received twice each year. Watch issues of Soundings for hunger grant opportunities for congregations and agencies.

♦ *First Look at Message*

SOME COMMON CONVICTIONS ON SEXUALITY

The 11,000 congregations of the ELCA across the United States and Caribbean are getting their first look at a message called *Sexuality: Some Common Convictions*. The ELCA Church Council adopted the message November 9 to summarize the "areas for which there appears to be consensus within this church" on issues related to human sexuality. The content of the message became public November 25. The document has been mailed to all pastors.

LUTHERAN VESPERS RADIO BROADCAST

Lutheran Vespers is finally being broadcast in the Seattle area — 1:30 pm, Sundays, on KLFE 1590 AM. A very generous anonymous donor paid for a year's worth of programming.

Be sure to tune in! and notify your homebound members of this program!

♦ *DIVISION FOR CONG. MINISTRIES*

GRANT AVAILABLE FOR AFTER SCHOOL MINISTRY

The Synod Office has received a "first-come, first-served" announcement from the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries (DCM) of a grant for three congregations in eight synods who are interested in training lay persons for an After School Children's Ministry.

Aspects of the program:

- Project is grounded in both evangelism and Christian education;
- Priority will be given to congregations in multicultural or rural settings;
- Each congregation involved in the training will be asked to train two other congregations;
- Each congregation will receive seed money to begin its program;
- Tuition is $250 per congregation and scholarship money is available.

Training will be conducted in Orlando, FL, with most costs covered by Churchwide except the $250 tuition fee. Please contact the Synod Office ASAP if your congregation is interested!

EVENTS

♦ *All Rostered People*

January Bishop's Convocation

The next Bishop's Convocation for rostered people is scheduled for Thursday, January 23 from 8:30 am to 3 pm at Glendale Lutheran Church, 13455 - 2nd Ave SW, Seattle.

Guest speaker will be Claire Burkat, Assistant to the Bishop of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Synod and Mission Director with the Division of Outreach of the ELCA. She will speak under the theme *Evangelizing Adults.*

The cost for early registration is $10/person, $12 for late registration. All rostered persons are expected to attend. Registration materials will be mailed.

For further information, contact Sharon Lone-Browder, 206/523-9636.

♦ *First Service February 9*

Major Mental Illness Monthly Worship Service

Following action of last year's Synod Assembly, the Mental Health Sub-Committee of the Synod has decided to sponsor a monthly worship service specifically welcoming individuals who themselves experience major mental illness and others (family members and friends, etc.)

The service will be held in the chapel at University Lutheran Church, 1604 NE 50th, Seattle, beginning February 9.

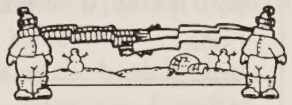
The service will include Taize music, Psalms, time for reflection and communion.

For information call 206/726-3807.

♦ *Lutheran/Reformed Issues*

Ecumenical Dialogue Scheduled

An Ecumenical Dialogue on Lutheran/Reformed Issues, sponsored by NWSEA, NESEA and Central Seattle Clusters is scheduled for Sunday, February 9, 4:30 pm at Luther Memorial, 13047 Greenwood Ave N, Seattle. Clergy and laity are invited. For details, contact Pastor Brian Beistel, 206/364-2510.



♦ *One-Day Workshop*

Workshop for Leaders of Volunteers

Volunteer Ministry Resource Network, an ecumenical, non-profit corporation of lay and professional people, will present a one-day workshop on Saturday, January 18, 1997 at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 411 156th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA.

Nancy Macduff, an internationally-recognized expert on volunteerism, will be the featured speaker at the workshop, *Shared Ministries: Linking Church Volunteers Into the 21st Century.* The goal of the workshop is to give leaders of church volunteers the tools to match the needs of the Church with the gifts, time and ability of its people. Continuing education credits aavailable through LENS.

Call Jeanne Vevang, 206/746-7300 for more information and registration.

♦ *April 7-10, 1997*

Region 1 Pastoral Conference in Victoria

Christ and Culture is the theme of the 1997 Region 1 Pastoral Conference, April 7-10, at the Empress Hotel in Victoria BC. The featured speakers will be Dr. Les Steele of Seattle Pacific University and Jon Nelson, Pastor of Maple Leaf Lutheran Church in Seattle.

Dr. Steele will explore the relationship between Church and culture and the Christian ministry and psychology. Jon Nelson will make three presentations on *Evil.*

A registration form is included in this newsletter. Early registration is before February 15; cost will increase after that date.

Registrar for the event is Jean Scheid. Her address is 1610 W. Chestnut Ave., Yakima, WA 98902; phone: 509/457-5686; fax: 575-6492.

Bishop's Healing Service

A Bishop's Healing Service for clergy and AIMs and their families will be held February 2 at 4 pm at Holy Cross, Bellevue. A potluck meal will follow the service. Child care will be provided.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ *ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP*

ENDOWMENT FUND TO HONOR KNUTSON MINISTRY

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary has established the Lowell E. Knutson Endowed Scholarship Fund to honor the pastoral ministry and churchwide service of Lowell. On Sunday, February 9, this honor will be presented publicly to Lowell at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Everett, where he served for many years as pastor. The new President of the Seminary, Dr. Timothy Lull, will join Bishop Donald Maier in making this presentation at the 10:30 worship.

In the afternoon, at 3 pm, Edison Lutheran Church, Bow, Washington, Lowell's first parish, will host a service and reception of celebration in recognition of this Endowed Scholarship Program in Lowell's name. Friends of Lowell and Shirley are invited to join one of the two events honoring the faithful ministry of the Knutsons and recognizing this special award.

The Scholarship established by the Seminary is intended to strengthen the support of students in their theological education. It will provide $1,000 annually to students entering Seminary. As the fund grows, additional monies will be available to increase the number and size of scholarships awarded.

PLTS has made the first contribution of $1,000 to the Scholarship Endowment Fund in Lowell's name. For the scholarship to become active, a minimum of $15,000 is required.

As in most endowment programs, the fund principle will stay intact and hopefully grow. Scholarships will be determined and funded by the interest accumulated.

We are inviting friends of Lowell and Shirley and congregations of the Synod to help fund this special Endowed Scholarship. A brochure is enclosed in this issue of *Soundings* giving details. We are hopeful that contributions and pledges will be sent to the Northwest Washington Synod by February 1, 1997, so the scholarship can be activated on February 9 when the presentation is made to Lowell.

Please call Bob Winkel, 206/252-0413 or Joel Kutzke, 360/766-6920 with any questions.

CANCELLATION OF EVENT

The preaching seminar with Jane Strohl as speaker, scheduled for January 9, 1997, at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, has been canceled as a satellite downlink program. Therefore, PLU will not be able to participate as a host site.

The cancellation is a disappointment to the sponsors, who offer apologies for any inconvenience that may have been caused.

"ON LEAVE FROM CALL"

- BY BISHOP DONALD MAIER

Here's something all rostered clergy and associates in ministry should be aware of. Rostered clergy or associates in ministry have a responsibility when, for some reason, they leave one *Call* without another *Call*. It is your responsibility to request *On Leave From Call* status. In our synod, the request would be addressed either to me or to the Secretary of the Synod, and should come within six months of the termination of the last *Call*. The Synod Council acts on the request. If granted, the status is granted a year at a time (the request must be renewed annually, up to three years.) After that, if there is no *Call*, one will fall from the roster. After one falls from the roster, return is through application to the synod's Candidacy Committee.

There's an exception. If one is engaged in a *bona fide* study program, *On Leave from Call* can be extended up to six years in one year increments.

LET THERE BE LIGHT!

The Epiphany Season is a time ripe for raising mission to the attention of the faithful who gather before the Word made flesh. The Light of Christ shining through the lives his people and the mission of the church — these things are worthy of your preaching. And remember, the mission is both local and global, both witness and service. Let there be balance. Let there be light!

- BY BISHOP DONALD MAIER

More Events

♦ *TWO FORMATS OFFERED*

Evangelism/Teaching Congregation Event

The 1997 North Pacific site for the ELCA's annual Teaching Congregation evangelism event is Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Salem.

There will be two tracks available at this event, planned for February 13-16. One will be an intensive, 4-day consultation trace for pastors and two to eight lay leaders from each involved congregation. The second track will be a one-day evangelism festival on Saturday, February 15th, which will include the following speakers: Rev. Dan Bruner (small groups); Rev. Mark Knutsen (youth ministry); and Rev Richard Webb (worship and evangelism).

For more information on cost and registration, call Pastor Dan Brandt, 503/399-8601. There are limited openings in the consultation track, so call as soon as possible.

♦ *SPONSORED BY LSS*

Rick Steves Presents Family Values Series

Interested in children, families, public policy, setting personal priorities?

Rick Steves, well-known travel writer and PBS host, will talk about *Families Valued: Across the Street and Around the World* on three evenings — **January 12** — 7 pm at Trinity Lutheran, Lynnwood; Sunday, **January 19** — 7 pm at Lord of Life, Renton; and Sunday, **February 9** —7 pm at Cross of Christ, Bellevue.

Using the book by Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer, *Families Valued: Parenting and Politics for the Good of All Children*, Steves will discuss parents and politics which benefit all children.

The series is sponsored by Lutheran Social Services. Information is available from Terry Musgrave, 206/672-6009.

♦ *ALL-DAY SYMPOSIUM*

Jesus Scholar to Speak

Internationally-renowned New Testament scholar Marcus J. Borg will be the featured speaker at an all-day symposium, *Taking Jesus Seriously*, at University Temple United Methodist Church, 1415 NE 43rd Street, Seattle, on Saturday, January 25. The symposium, which is co-sponsored by the Church Council of Greater Seattle, is open to the public.

The 9 am to 3 pm symposium includes two morning sessions entitled *Jesus and God: The Pre-Easter and Post Easter Jesus* and *The Death and Resurrection of Jesus*; the afternoon session discusses *Living the Life: Spirit, Wisdom and Compassion.*

For more information about the symposium and pre-registration call 206/632-5163.

Parish Education Meeting Scheduled

Marcia Olson announces that the Synod Parish Education Committee will meet Wednesday, January 29, from noon to 3 pm at Augsburg.

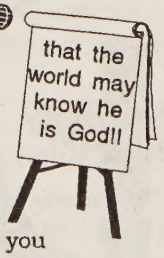
♦ *Workshop /Clergy and Lay Leaders*

Lightening the Load

Presbyterian Counseling Service will offer a workshop, Ministry and the Unbearable Lightness of Being, on January 23, from 9 am to noon at the University Presbyterian Church, 4540 15th Ave NE, Seattle. Discover your effectiveness and resilience in ministry. Call 206/527-2266.

Called to Proclaim

NW Washington Synod
Global Mission Committee
invites you to the
Lutheran Bible Institute
on **February 8th, 1997**
from 1:30 - 6:00 p.m.



Over 15 workshops will be offered to help you promote a mission vision in your congregation.

$5.00 fee payable at the registration table.

Designed for pastors, mission advocates, mission committees, and others looking for valuable resources to take back to your church.
Call Henrik Christopherson at (206) 391-4046 for details.

RESOURCES

♦ *POPULAR SUMMER EVENT*

1997 GLOBAL MISSION EVENTS

The Global Mission Event, of GME, is a popular summer event in the ELCA. Each July between 3,000 and 4,000 women, men and children attend GME's at several sites throughout the United States.

The GME program addresses the challenge of global mission to members of the ELCA. It also explores mission challenges at home within a global perspective and context.

A GME begins and ends with worship. In general sessions Bible studies are presented by a leading Bible scholar and a keynote speaker addresses the chosen theme of the GME. Throughout the long weekend, participants sing new songs of many cultures and backgrounds; gather for intercessory prayer; preview videos and films; see the work of the global church at missionary slide shows; meet and dialoge with our international partners; and purchase resource materials and global gifts at the bookstore.

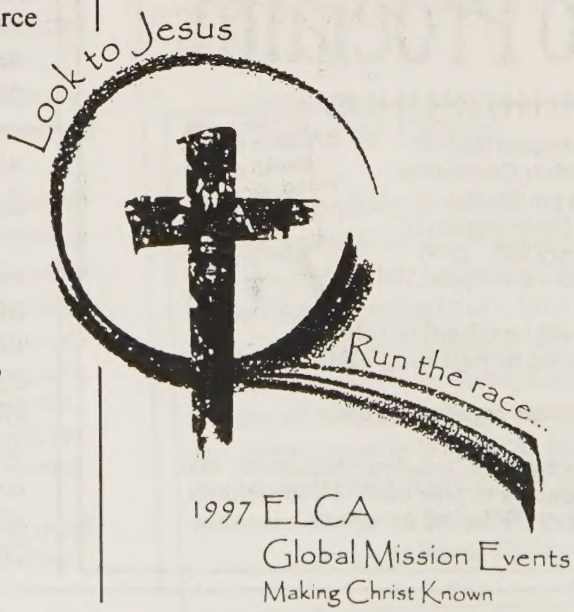
During the whole weekend participants have the opportunity to attend seven Global University sessions, choosing from dozens of topics, which are presented by churchwide leaders, international guests, and missionaries. These sessions are focused within three categories — Global Mission Advocate, Witness and Evangelism, and Peace-Justice — each with three sub areas — discipleship, content, and action/strategy.

In addition to participation in the Overall activities, youth and children have their own special programs.

In-depth workshops will be offered for staff/volunteers who have responsibility for Preaching, Education or Worship in their congregations. Through the Globalizing of the Congregation Tract, participants will experience specific ways to increase their home congregation's global awareness.

The number of people attending year after year and those coming for the first time attest to the importance of the Global Mission Events in the life of the church.

Join the 1997 global celebration at: Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill — July 10-13; or Texas Lutheran University, Seguin, TX — July 17-20.



♦ Major Mental Illness

ADULT EDUCATION RESOURCES AVAILABLE

The Synod's Mental Health Ministry Sub-Committee has resources (speakers and videos) available for local congregations who are interested in providing Adult Education Forums on major mental illness. Classes began last year in some congregations.

About ten percent of the members of any congregation suffer from schizophrenia, manic depressive illness or major depression. These individuals need the support of the community of faith just as individuals who suffer from other major illness. But often mental illness is hidden and misunderstood. Last year's Synod Assembly passed a resolution encouraging congregations of the Synod to support individuals who experience major mental illness and provide education on the subject.

Call 206/726-3807 for more information.

"FAITH AND WHOLENESS

"Faith and wholeness" will be presented by the Puget Sound Chapter of the Lutheran Women's Caucus, Saturday, January 18, 11:45 am, Central Lutheran Church, 1710 - 11th Avenue E, Seattle. Rev. Sue Wanwig, Christine Jubie, and Ruth Summers will lead discussion about holistic healing and the use of prayer in healing. The meeting will begin with shared finger food — bring cup or mug for beverages. Both the luncheon and the program are open to the public.

For information, call 747-5924.

More Resources

Synod Consultant in Liturgical Arts

Associate in Ministry Jannie Adams has been called by the Synod Council to serve as the Northwest Washington Synod **Cultant in Liturgical Arts**.

Jannie is available to congregations for workshops on liturgical art and worship. She will teach and enable members to plan, design and construct banners, paraments and other liturgical art appointments. She will consult and advise on the enhancement of your worship space. She can assist Worship & Music committees in long-range planning and project completion. Her people skills and cheerful attitude will be an asset in your planning.

Jannie is able to integrate her understanding of Lutheran tradition and liturgy with a strong background in art and teaching. She earned her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from the University of Washington, and is an active member of Grace Lutheran Church in Bellevue.

Consultations and workshops will be provided at cost, with the congregation or agency defraying cost of materials, mileage at current IRS rate from Bellevue, and meals and lodging as necessary. To contact Jannie, call 206/822-0016.

Please have your February 1997 *Soundings* contributions in the Synod Office by Friday, January 10.

Your cooperation has made it possible to get this publication into your hands on a regular schedule and in a timely manner. Thanks!

The SpiriT

Congregations are encouraged to include *The Spirit* in their newsletters or worship bulletins. Focused toward lay readership, *The Spirit* includes news about Synod and congregational happenings; prepared in a one-sheet format that can easily be duplicated by congregations. Many churches use *The Spirit* in its prepared format, while others highlight certain stories and articles for use in their own newsletters.

To include *The Spirit* in your church newsletter, type at the top of your copy to be duplicated "Insert to (name and issue of your newsletter)" so that it satisfies the requirements for bulk mailing.

The Spirit editor is Diane Lewis, who also edits the quarterly *Supplement* to THE LUTHERAN magazine, a monthly publication of the ELCA. If your congregation has an event or story you would like to have included in *The Spirit* or the *Supplement*, contact Diane at 206/271-1020, or for LutherLink members, send your message to DIANE LEWIS.

If Diane is not already on your church's newsletter mailing list, please add her name. She gets many news ideas from reading your publications. Her mailing address is 12525 SE 75th Place, Newcastle, WA 98056.

Parish Conflict, When it Centers on the Pastor

Early in December, as part of my continuing education, I attended an Alban Institute workshop for bishops and church executives (as my kind are know in some church bodies). The topic was conflict, when it centers on the pastor.

Here's an observation. It may not be about the pastor at all. Conflict, when it arises in a congregation, is bound to focus somewhere. The pastor, being at the center of the community, often becomes the focal point when the real issues are somewhere else, less accessible.

Advice to pastors: ask for help. Do it early, when you sense normal disagreements turning into something more than what they need to be. If you're not sure, ask; I and others can help you with an assessment of your situation. And remember, we have a cadre of trained people to serve as consultation teams in conflict situations. The earlier they can enter the situation, the better the outcome.

The invitation: ask for help, and do it early.

Bishop Donald Maier

Choir Director/Organist

Bethlehem Lutheran, 3818 S. Angeline, Seattle, WA 98118, seeks to fill a combined position of Choir Director/Organist OR Choir Director. Contact the church office, 206/722-5651 for position details.

Student Seeks Employment in Synod

Anke Fronz, May graduate of Midland Lutheran College, Fremont, NE, with a B.A. in Youth and Family Ministries.seeks employment in this synod. Phone: 402/721-5487.

YOUTH NEWS

MANY THANKS TO BOOTS!

Boots Winterstein, who has provided many (indeed most) of the press releases for the Region 1 youth events has accepted a new position as Program Manager for Congregational Social Ministry, of the Northwest Area office of Lutheran Social Services of WA/ Idaho. We thank her for her great coverage, and the wonderful spirit in which she has shared news of importance to our youth.

Best of luck in your new position, Boots!

Evelyn Boynton will assume responsibility for youth information in Region 1. She may be contacted at 800/755-5831 or (inside Western Washington) 206/624-0063.

♦ *REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 1*

GET READY FOR HOLDEN YOUTH WEEKENDS!

Registration opens February 1 for the popular May Youth Weekends at Holden Village. The Saturday-Monday events gather high school youth and accompanying adults each weekend in May from throughout Region 1 to beautiful Holden Village,

high in the north Cascades of Washington above Lake Chelan, for memorable worship and small group experiences, inspiring speakers, and a chance to meet new people in the gorgeous setting of a remote mountain valley.

Details and registration forms are in the *Just-About-Everything Pages* mailed to each Region 1 congregations last September. For more information, contact the 1997 Holden Weekend coordinator, Krista Sickert, as Messiah Lutheran Church, Auburn, WA, at 206/833-5280.

♦ *JANUARY 3 REGISTRATION DEADLINE*

THE CHILD IN OUR ARMS

Help make your congregation a *faith village*! January 3 is the registration for *The Child in Our Arms*, the Region 1 ELCA Focus on Youth and Family Ministry event featuring Rollie Martinson, January 17-18, at Lutheran Bible Institute of Seattle, Issaquah.

The *Child in Our Arms* begins Friday night (January 17) at 7 pm and concludes with closing worship at 4 pm Saturday (January 18). Overnight housing and meals are available.

Registration materials are included in the *Just-About-Everything Pages* mailed last fall, available by calling 206/624-0093.

After January, call the Region 1 office to see if "there's still room in the inn." This is one event you won't want to miss!

♦ *FREE RESOURCE LIST*

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

Is your group "all dressed and no place to go" this summer? Exciting summer opportunities for service, travel, and high adventure are detailed in *Journeys for Youth and Young Adults*, published by the ELCA Division for Congregational Ministries. The free resource lists servant events, hunger and justice programs, volunteer service opportunities, and high adventure camps, as well as offering helpful hints on planning a congregational servant event.

For information, call 800/638-3522, extension 2578.

EVERGREEN YOUTH TELEVISION-1997

Evergreen Youth Television-1997, the national ELCA program in video communication for high schoolers, is scheduled for July 16-28 in New Orleans, LA, in conjunction with the 1997 ELCA National *Youth Gathering, River of Hope.*

The program seeks young people with gifts and interest in communication — no prior video experience is necessary.

To apply, applicants must be entering grades 10, 11, and 12 in the fall of 1997, and must submit, in addition to a written application and written recommendations, examples of their creative work (video, writing, artwork, etcc.) More details and an application form are available by calling 800/878-7280.

♦ *ALL-LUTHERAN EVENT*

LYT TO SPONSOR VALENTINE DANCE

All Lutheran youth (and friends) are invited to a Valentine Dance at Magnolia Lutheran Church, 2414 31st Ave W, Seattle, on Friday, February 7.

This event is sponsored by *Lutheran Youth Together,* a new organization comprised of youth from Crown, Denny Park, Luther Mem-orial, Magnolia, St. John and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches.

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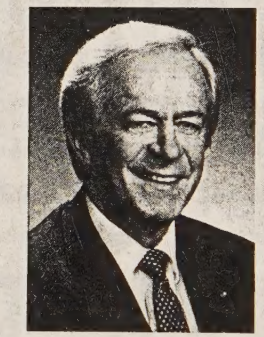

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Endowed Scholarship

Training new leaders for the church is a singularly appropriate way to honor faithful ministry and service in the church. It ensures the continuation of the ministry being honored.

Dr. Lowell E. Knutson has been a faithful minister and bishop in our synod, and a strong and wise leader at our seminary. We wish to honor Dr. Knutson and give thanks for his ministry by establishing the Lowell E. Knutson Endowed Scholarship. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a deserving student at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary.

The Seminary has placed a $1,000.00 gift in the Lowell E. Knutson Endowed Scholarship fund. You are invited to help this scholarship fund grow with your gift. When the Lowell E. Knutson Endowed Scholarship fund reaches a minimum of $15,000.00, an annual scholarship in the amount of $1,000.00 will be awarded to a student entering the seminary. As the fund grows, additional monies will be available to increase the number and size of scholarships awarded annually.

Each year, upon selection of the deserving student, the name and a photograph of the student(s) will be sent to the synod for publication in our newsletter. In that way you will continue to know the recipient of this scholarship award.

Please join with us in honoring Lowell E. Knutson.

In grateful recognition and thankfulness for the ministry of Dr. Lowell E. Knutson, I am providing the following gift for the Lowell E. Knutson Endowed Scholarship:

A cash gift is enclosed of $ _____.

– or –

A pledge of $ _____ to be given in installments over _____ years.

Check the appropriate box:

☐ Appreciated stock or securities with a current value of $ _____.

☐ Please have the Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary planned giving consultant contact me about a Charitable Gift Annuity, a gift that will provide income for life, tax benefits now, and will support the endowment in the future.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

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Kindly fill out this form and mail:
Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary
2770 Marin Avenue
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Continuing Education

Western Mission Learning Network

Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary and Luther Seminary have formed a partnership to provide long distance learning opportunities for Region 1. Doctor of Ministry and Master level courses are now offered via the world wide web.

For more information, call Gloria Doherty at 206/774-2435. This program is being provided under the direction of LENS, Dr. John Schiller, Director, 1217 Wheeler S., Tacoma, WA 98444, 206/531-1916.

A Day with Rollie

Rollie Martinson, Professor of Pastoral Care at Luther Seminary, author of *Effective Youth Ministry: A Congregational Approach,* and one of the leaders of *The Child in Our Arms* project, a national effort to change the paradigm from youth ministry to youth and family ministry, is available to meet with youth workers and youth pastors to discuss the changing vision in youth ministry.

This event will be at Trinity Lutheran Church, Lynnwood, January 16, 9 am- 3 pm. The cost is $5; lunch will be provided by Trinity. Pre-register by January 9th. Make checks to Northwest Washington Synod; mail to Christ the King Lutheran Church, c/o Dennis Jensen, 1305 Pine St, Snohomish, WA 98290. For more information, call Dennis at 360/568-5704.

Theological Symposium

The first annual Northwest Theological Symposium, featuring in-person lectures by Dr. Terry Fretheim of Luther Seminary and Dr. Gary Pence from PLTS, present *Individual Rights and Corporate Responsibility: The National Debate from a Biblical and Theological Perspective.*

The symposium will be offered in four cities. Contact the persons listed below for registration information and fees. Registration deadline is January 15.

Spokane - February 3, 1-4 pm, at (John Vaswig-509/325-5726);
Tacoma - February 4, 6-9:30 pm, (Rick Rouse-206/535-7423);
Issaquah - February 5, 6:30-9:30 pm, (Roy Harrisville-206/392-0400);
Portland - February 6, 7-10 pm (Norm Metzler-503/288-9371.

Youth Ministry Training at PLTS

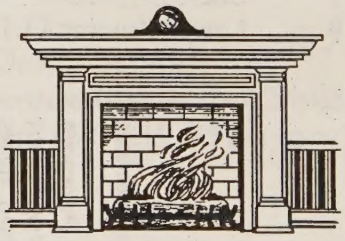
Introduction toYouth Ministry and *Youth Ministry: in Depth* (for graduates of the Intro. class and those who have equivalent experience) are scheduled for January 27-31, at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, Berkeley, CA. Both are outstanding opportunities for adults involved in youth and family ministry which have received rave reviews from previous participants.

As of December, a few spots remained in each course; it would be well worth a call to the PLTS registrar, Dell Hester, at 510/524-5264, to check out the details.

Family News

Remember in your prayers:

- The family of **Lola Rieke**, a clergy widow, who died recently;
- **Maury Clark** is recovering from a stroke;
- **Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy**, his family and the people of the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle. Archbishop Murphy is in Providence Medical Center with a preliminary diagnosis of leukemia.
- **Ed Peterson**, of Central, Everett, was awarded the Hunthausen Humanitarian Award. Peterson helped found the Snohomish County Homeless Task Force, among other efforts.



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January

7 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace, Shoreline, 7 pm
10 Communications Committee, Synod Office, 9 am
15 **Cluster Deans**, Synod Office, 10 am
16 Ecumenical Commission, Grace, Bellevue, noon
17-18 *Work of the People* Seminar, LBI, Issaquah
20 SYNOD OFFICE CLOSED
23 **Bishop's Convocation**, Glendale, Seattle
25 *Partners for Nurture*, LBI, Issaquah
25 Board of Outreach & Evangelism, Advent, Everett, 9:30 am
28 Retirees & spouses gathering, location TBA, 11:30 am
29 Parish Ed Committee, Augsburg Fortress, Mountlake Terrace, noon
30 Board of Congregational Life, Hope, Seattle, 7:30 pm
30 Candidacy Committee, St John, Seattle, 9:30 am

February

1 SYNOD COUNCIL, Bethany, Seattle, 8:30
8 Mission 2000 Task Force, location TBA, 9 a
8 Churchwide Assembly voters, St Mark's Cathedral, Seattle, 10 am
9 Lowell Knutson PLTS Scholarship Day, Our Savior's, Everett & Edison, Bow

CALLS ACCEPTED

James R. Kruse	Christ, Edmonds	01/01/97
Stephen J. Olson	Sammamish Hills, Issaquah	01/01/97

INSTALLATIONS

James R. Kruse	Christ, Edmonds	01/26/97

ORDINATION/COMMISSIONING

None this month

RETIREMENTS

Ernie T. Loreen	01/31/97

ANNIVERSARIES/DEDICATIONS/SPECIAL EVENTS

None this month

RESIGNATIONS

Naomi W. Maasberg	Resigned from roster	11/30/96
Joleen A. Palmer	From Lutheran Social Services	12/31/96

TRANSFERS IN/OUT OF SYNOD

James R. Kruse	From Greater Milwaukee Synod	01/01/97
Robert C. Madsen (retired)	From Eastern WA/ID Synod	11/11/96

CONGREGATIONS/AGENCIES IN CALL PROCESS V=Vacancy
C=Calling NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim S=Synod Call I=Interviewing

Bothell, Light of the Cross	C	Robert Johnson, Interim
Everett, Faith	Int	Dennis Schaffert, Interim
Marysville, Bethlehem (Assoc)	NV	Jack Richards, Pastor
Mukilteo, Harbour Pointe	C	Norman Nelson, Interim
Point Roberts, Trinity	I	Ernie Loreen, Pastor
Seattle, Bethel Chinese	V	
Seattle, Calvary	Int	Mary Lindberg, Interim
Shoreline, First/Richmond Beach (Assoc)	I	Mitchell Jones, Pastor
Stanwood, Freeborn	Int	Arden Barden, Interim